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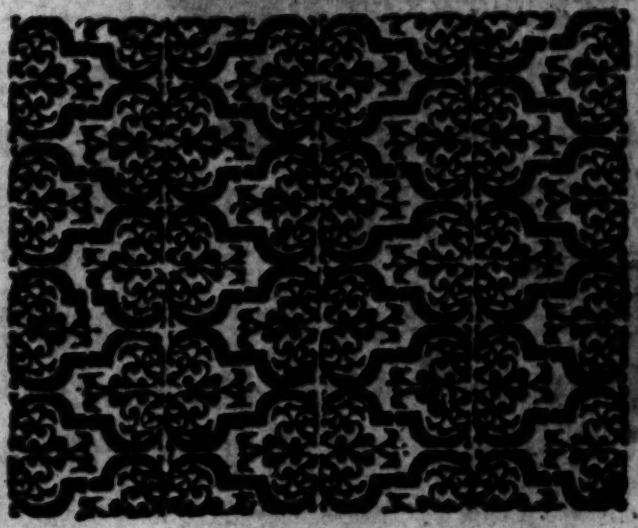

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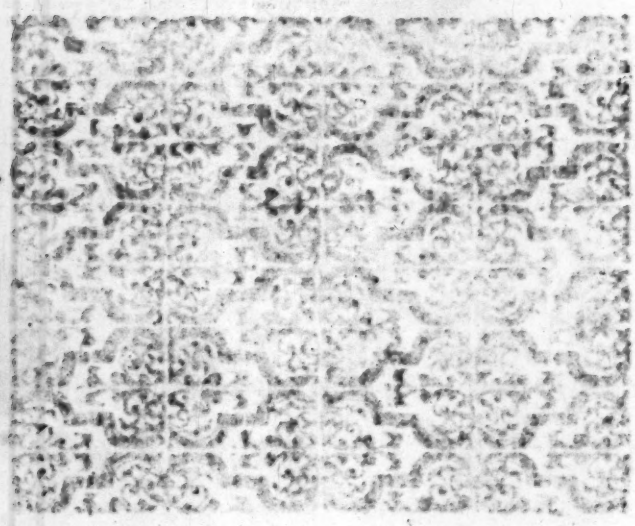

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¶ To the Readers health.

SItting Gentlemen vpon Douer cliffes, to quaint my ſelfe with the art of Nauigation, and knowe the courſe of the Tides, as the Danske Crowes gather ou the Sandes againſt a ſtorme: ſo there appeared on the downs ſuch a flock of knaues, that by Aſtrological coniectures I began to gather, that this yeere would proue intemperate by an extreme heat in Sõmer, inſomuch that the ſtones in Cheap ſide ſhould be ſo hot, that diuers perſons ſhould feare to goe from Poules to the Counter in the Poultrye: wherupon I betook me to my Ephimerides, and erecting a figure, haue found ſuch ſtrange accidents to fall out this yeere, Mercury being Lord and predominate in the houſe of Fortune, that many fooles ſhall haue full cofers, and wiſe men walke vp and downe with empty purſſes: that if Iupiter were not ioyned with him in a fauourable aſpect, the But-

chers of East-cheape should doo little or nothing all Lent but make prickes: seeing therefore the wonders that are like to fall out this present yeere, I haue for the benefit of my Countrymen taken in hand to make this Prognostication, discoursing breefelye of the Eclipses both of Sunne and Moone, with their dangerous effectes like to followe, which if God preuent not: many pooremen are like to fast on Sondaies for want of food, and such as haue no shooes to goe barefoot, if certaine deuout Coblers proue not the more curteous: but yet Astrologie is not so certaine, but it may fayle: and therfore diuers Hostesses shall chaulke more this yeere then their Guests wil wipe out: so that I conclude, whatsoeuer is saide by art. *Sapiens dominabitur astris.*

Your freend and Student in Asse-trologie.

Adam Fouleweather.

Of the Eclipſes that ſhall happen this preſent *yeere, to the great and fear-*full terrifying of the beholders.

IF we may credit the authenticall cenſures of Albumazar and Ptolomey, about the motions of celeſtiall bodies, whoſe influence doth exitat and procure continuall mutability in the lower region: we ſhal finde ẏ the Moon this yeere ſhall be eclipſed, which ſhall happen in one of ẏ 12. moneths, & ſome of the

foure quarters of the yære, whose pointes as they shall be totallye darkened, so the effectes shall be wondrous and strange. For Cancer being the sole house of the Mone, doth prefage that this yære fruits shall be greatly eaten with Catterpillers: as Brokers, Farmers, and Flatterers, which fæding on the sweate of other mens browes, shall greatlye hinder the beautye of the spring, and disparage the growth of all hottest hearbes, vnlesse some northerly winde of Gods vengãce clære the trees of such Catterpillers, with a hotte plague and the pestilence: but Cancer being a watrie signe and chæfe gouernour of flouds and streams, it foreshewth that Fishmongers if they be not well lookt to, shall goe downe as farre as Graues end in Wherries and forestall the market, to the great preiudice of the powre, that all Lent ground their fare on the benefit of Salte fishe and red herring: besides it signifieth that Brewers shal make hauocke of Theames water, and put more liquour then they were accustomed amongst their Maulte: to the ouerthrowe of certaine craſed Ale knights, whose morning draughtes of strong Bære is a great staye to their stomacks: a lamentable case if it be not lookt into and preuented by some spædye supplication to the worshipfull order of ale cunners.

ners. But in this we haue great hope that because the effects cannot surprise the cause, diuers Tapsters shall trust out more then they can get in: and although they fill their Pots but halfe full, yet for want of true dealing die in the Brewers debt.

Thus much for the watry signe of Cancer, and because this Eclipse is little visible in our horizon, I passe it ouer with this prouiso to all seafaring men, to cary more shirts then one with them a ship bord, lest to their great labor they spend many houres in murthering their vermin on the hatches.

The Eclipse of the Sunne.

The Eclipse of the Sun according to Ptolemeus opinion is like to produce many hot and pestilent infirmities, especiallie amongst Sumners and Pettifoggers, whose faces being combust with many fiery inflamatiues shal shew ỹ dearth, that by their deuout drinking is like to ensue of Barly, if violent death take not away such cõsuming mault worms: diuers are like to be troubled with such hotte reumes in their heads, that their haire shall fall off: and such hot agues shall raigne this yeare, with strange feuers and calamities,

that

that if the Sunne were not placed in a colde signe, Renish wine would rise to ten pence a quarte before the latter end of August: but diuers good Planets being retrograde, foretelleth that Lemmans this yeere shalbe plenty, insomuch that many shall vse them to bedward, for the quallifying of their hot and inflamed stomackes. And Mars being placed neere vnto the Sunne, sheweth that there shalbe a great death among people, olde women that can liue no longer shall dye for age: and yong men that haue Vsurers to their father, shal this yeer haue great cause to laugh, for the Deuill hath made a decree, that after they are once in hell, they shall neuer rise againe to trouble their executors: Beside that by all coniecturall argumentes the influence of Mars shall be so violent, that diuers souldiers in partes beyond the seas, shall fall out for want of their paye, and heere in our meridionall clyme, great quarrelles shal be raised betwen man and man, especially in cases of Law: gentrye shall goe check mate with Justice, and coyne out countenance ofttimes equitie: the poore sitting on pennylesse benche, shall sell their Coates to striue for a strawe, and Lawyers laugh such fooles to scorne as cannot keep their crownes in their purses.

Further, there is like to be great falling out

amongst

amongst Church men and certaine fond Sects of religion like to trouble the commons: selfe conceipters and ouer holy counterfeites that delight in singularitie, shall rise vp and despise authoritie, presuming euen to abuse the higher powers, if Saturne with a frowning influence, did not threaten them with Tibornes consequence. But wheras the Sun is darkned but by digits, and that vpon ỹ south points, it presageth great miseries to Spain and those Southerlye Countries, Friers and Monks shal heat them so this yeer with confessing of Harlots, that their crownes shall wax balde of the one accord, to the great impouerishing of the Spanish Barbers: Surgeons in Spain shall wax rich, and their Hospitals poore: such a pestilent mortalitie is like to fall amongst those hipocriticall masse mongers. The Dukes, Marquesses & Counties shall haue their dublets closed with such Spanish buttons, that they shal neuer proue good quirristers, for the hotte and inflamed rewmes fallen down into their throats: It is further to be feated, that because the Eclipse hapneth in Julye, there will through the extrem heat grow such abundãce of Fleas, that women shall not goe to bed before twelue a clocke at night, for the great mutthers and stratagems they are like to commit vpon those little animalls.

And whereas this Eclipse falleth out at three of the clocke in the afternoone, it foreshewеth that many shall goe soberer into Tauernes then they shall come out: and that he which drinkes hard and lyes cold, shal neuer dye of the sweate, although Gemini combust and retrograde, sheweth that some shall haue so sore a sweating, that they may sell their haire by the pound to stuffe Tennice balles: but if the Beadelles of Bridewell be carefull this Summer, it may be hoped that Petticote lane may be lesse pestered with ill aires then it was wont: and the houses there so clеere clensed, that honest women may dwell there without any dread of the whip and the carte: and I finde that the altitude of that place and of Shordich are all one eleuated, and 2. degrees, and vnder the zenith or verticall point of venus, which presageth that sundry sorts of men and women shall be there resident: some shalbe so short hæld & so queasie stomacked, that they shall ly in their beds whole noon, by which means they shal grow so ful of grosse humors, that they shalbe troubled with strange timpanies & swellings in their bellies, incurable for fortye weekes vntill they be helped by the aduice of some skilfull Widwife.

Besides, other of the same sect and faction, shall

shall learn to cosin young nouices, and fetch in young Gentlemen, to the great ouerthrow of youth, if some sharpe and spædye redresse be not fetcht from the worshipfull Colledge of the Philitions in the parrish of S. Brides. But here by the waye gentle Reader, note that this Eclipse sheweth, that this yær shall be some strange birthes of Children produced in some monstrous forme, to the græfe of the Parentes, and fearefull spectackle of the beholders: but because the Eclipse chaunseth Southerlye, it is little to be feared that the effectes shall fall in England: yet somewhat it is to bee doubted, that diuers Children shall be borne, that when they come to age shall not knowe their owne Fathers: others shall haue theie fingers of he nature of Lyme twigges, to get most parte of their liuing with siue and a reache: some shall be born with fæt like vnto Hares, that they shal run so swift, that they shall neuer tarry with maister, but trudge from poste to piller, till they take vp beggars bush for their lodging: Others shall haue Moles like Swine, that there shall not be a feast within a myle, but they shall smell it out: But especiallye it is to be doubted, that diuers women this yeere shall bee borne with two tungs, to the terrible græfe of such as shall marry them,

vttering in their furye such rough cast eloquence, that knaue and slaue shalbe but holyday wordes to their husbands. And whereas this fearefull Eclipse doth continue but an houre and a halfe, it signifieth that this yeare womens loues to their husbands shall be very shorte, some so momentarye, that it shall scarse continue from the Church dore to the wedding house: and that Hennes, Capons, Geese, and other pullin shall little haunt poore mens tables, but flye awaye with spittes in their bellies to fatte Churlles houses, that pamper themselues vp with delicates and dainties: although very fewe other effectes are to be prognosticated, yet let me giue this caueat to my Countrymen, as a clause to this wonderfull Eclipse. Let such as haue clothes enow, keep themselues warme from taking of colde: and I would wishe rich men all this winter to sit by a good fire, and hardlye to goe to bed without a Cuppe of Sack, and that so qualified with Suger, that they proue not rewmatick: let them feede daintilye and take ease enough, and no doubt according to the iudgement of Albumazar, they are like to liue as long as they can, and not to dye one howre before their time.

Thus much for this strange Eclipse of the Sunne.

¶ Of the second Eclipse of the Moone, which is like to fall out when it chaunseth either before the 31. of December or els not at all, this present yeere, 1591.

THe second Eclipse of the Moon shalbe but little sæne in England, wherevpon the effectes shall be nothing prejuditiall to our clyme: yet as the bodye of the Moone is neuer obscure in part or in whole, but some dangerous euents dw followe: so I meane to set downe bræfely what is to be lokte for in these westerne partes of the worlde.

First therefore it is to bee feared, that the Danes shall this yære bee greatlye gtuen to drincke, insomuch that Englishe Bære shall there be worth fiue pence a stoape, that their Hoffes and tappehouses shall be more frequented, then the Parishe Churches, and many shall haue more Spruce Bære in their bellies, then witt in their heads: wherevpon

shall growe Apoplexies and colde palsies in their legges, that they shall diuers times not bee able to stand on their feete. Upon this shall growe great commoditye to the Potters and Glasse makers, for it is like there shall be a great ouerthrowe of them, if there bee not some act made for drinking in blacke Jackes. But if the weather proove seasonable, and the Haruest great, and the Barnes full of Corne: Rye is like to be cheap in Denmarke, and bread to be of a reasonable size, for the releeuing of the poore. Many Fraunce is like to haue a great dearth of honest men, if the king preuaile not against these mutenous Rebelles of the League, and Papists in diuers places to be plentye, if God or the King rout them not out with a sharpe ouerthrow: But this hope we haue against that rascall rabble of those shauelinges, that there was found in an olde booke this Prophecie spoken about Jerusalem long since by a Jew: The tree that God hath not planted shall be pulled vp by the roots: some curious Astronomers of late dayes that are more Prophetically then Juditiall, affirme that Martin the kill-hog for his deuout drincking (by the Pope canonized a Saint) shall rise againe in the apparell of a Minister, and tickle some of the baser sorte with such lusty humors in their braines,

that

that diuers selfe conceited fooles shal become his disciples, and grounding their witlesse opinion on an heriticall foundation, shall seeke to ruinate authoritie, and peruert all good orders established in the Church, to the great preiudice of vnity and religion, tituling thẽselues by the names of Martinistes, as the Donatists grew from Donates: were it not that the Mone being in Taurus, which gouernes the neck and throat, shewes that the Squinancie shall raigne amongst them, and diuers for want of breath dye of the strangling. Now for that Capricornus is a signe wherein Luna is often resident, it prognosticateth a great death amongst horde beasts. The Butchers shall commit wilfull murther vpon Sheepe and Oxen, and diuers keepers kill store of Buckes, and reserue no other fees to their selues but the hornes, insomuche that if the Person of Horne-Church in Essex take not heede, there maye hap to proove this yeere some Cuckoldes in his Parrish.

But there is like to bee concluded by an act set downe in Graues ende Barge, that hee that wypes his Nose and hath it not, shall forfeite his whole face, and that all such as are Iealous ouer their wiues without cause, are worthie to bee punisht

with

with the horne plague for their labour. And whereas this Eclipse is farre from the signe Pisces, it shewes that there shall bee much stinking fish this yere at Billings gate, and that Quinborowe oyster boates shall ofte times carrie knaues as wel as honest men, but let the Fish-wiues take heed, for if most of them proue not scoldes, yet because Pisces is a signe that gouernes the feete, they shall weare out more shooes in Lent then in anie two months beside through the whole yeere, and get their liuing by walking and crying, because they slaundered Ram alley with such a tragical infamie. The rest I conceale as friuolous, and little necessarie to be touched in this Prognostication.

A declaration of the generall disposition of sundrie conceited qualities incident vnto mens mindes & natures throughout these foure quarters of the yere, by the merrie influence of the Planets, with some other tragicall euents and obseruations worthie the noting, contayned vnder each seperated reuolution.

And first of the inclination of the Winter quarter,

Winter

Winter the first Astronomicall quarter of the yeare, according to my vsuall account, whatsoeuer Ptolomie sayes beginneth sooner with poore men than with rich, graunted so by the malignant influence of Saturne, whose constellation is that suche as haue no mony nor credit, shall want coles & woode and be faine to stande and starue for colde, while olde pennifathers sit and toast them selues by the fire. The winter beginning at that instant, when the Sunne makes his entraunce into the first degree of Capricornus, that Hiemall solstitiall signe shewes that by naturall inclination this quarter is generally flegmatike, and that all shall be of suche great authoritie, that the Bakers basket shall giue the wall vnto the Brewers barrell, and a halfe pennye drie doe homage vnto a halfe pennye wet. The weather and season being so colde that diuerse for feare of the frost shall sit all daye at Tables and Cardes, while their poore wines and familes fast at home for their follies. And in respect that I finde three of the seauen Planetes to be in waterie signes as Iuppiter, Mars, and the Moone, it signifieth that diuerse persons both men and women for want of wine or strong drinke shall goe to bedde sober against their willes. That Sea-faring men shall haue ill lucke

if either their shippes hit agaynst rockes or sticke in the sandes, that there shall bee such great hoarie frostes, that men and women shall creepe to bedde together, and some of them lie so long, till they bee fetchte out with a Bason. Heere Saturne retrograde in Gemini, shewes that there shall this Winter fall such great fogs and mists, that diuerse riche men shall loose their purses by the high waie side, and poore men be so weather beaten by the crafte of vsurers, that they shall begge their bread by the extremitie of such extortion, but Mercurie and Uenus beeing congregated in Sagitarie, prognosticateth that for want of faire weather, such as haue but one shirt shall go woolward till that be a washing, and that water-men that want fares shall sit and blowe their fingers till theyr fellowes row betwixte the olde Swanne and Westminster. And by reason that Mars that malignant Planet, hath nothing to doe in that Hiemall reuolution, souldiers this Winter for the most parte, shall lie still in garrisons, and shall not be troubled with more monie than is necessarie. Beeing also greatly to bee feared, that through the extreame colde diuerse poore men shall die at riche mennes doores: pittie shall bee exiled, good woorkes truste ouer the sea with

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Iacke a lent and Hospitalitie banisht as a signe of popish religion: and were it not that some moist shoures shal moderate the hardnes of the frost, Charitie should for want of house roome lie and freeze to death in the streets, diuerse great stormes are this yere to be feared, especially in houses where the wiues weare the breeches, with such lowde windes, that the women shall scolde their husbands quight out of doores, whereupon is like to fall great hailestones as bigge as ioynd stooles, that some shall haue their heads broken, and all through the froward disposition of Venus. But Mars comes in and playes the man, who beeing placed in Gemini, that gouernes armes and shoulders, presageth that sundrie tall fellowes shall take heart at grasse, who armed with good cudgels, shall so lambeake these stubborne huswiues, that the wind shall turne into another quarter, and so the weather ware more calme and quiet. Such greate floudes are like to insue, through this Hiemall distemperature, that diuerse men shall be drowned on drie hilles, and fishe if they could not swimme, were vtterly like to perish. Eeles are like to bee deere if there bee few or none taken, and plentie of poutes to bee had in all places, especiallie in those coastes and Countries where weomen

haue not their owne willes. Nowe Gentle Reader in respect of diuerse particular circumstances drawne from the daily motions progressions, stations, retrogradations, aspects and other appointmentes of fixed and wandring starrs, I am induced to set downe that such as haue no fire, shall feele most cold and that wierdrawers, if they plye not their worke, shall feele no great heate, that they in Russia shall suffer more preiudice by the sharpenesse of winter than the Spaniards, and yet one thing is to bee hoped for at the handes of Mercurie, that this winter mony shall haue a fall, for Philip and Mary shillings that heretofore went for 12. d. shall nowe passe from man to man for 6. d. a peece.

The distemperance of this quarter, is like to breede many sickenesses and sundrie diseases as well in young as in old, proceeding either of corrupt and vicious bloud or of superabundance of crude and raw fleugmatike humors. As Cephalagies or paines in the head which shall make men dizzy that some shal stagger & stumble vp & downe the streetes till they haue stoine a nappe to quiet their braines. Ach in the shoulders shal raine amongest diuerse women that haue shrewes to their husbands, and diuerse drunken men shall bee pestured with surfets. Maidens this winter shall haue strange stitches & gri-

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pings of the collicke, which diseases proceed by too much lying vpright, and men shall be troubled with such paine in the eies, that they shall not know their owne wiues from other women, with coughs, rumes and itchings, which I omit.

Of the Spring time.

Winter being finished with the last grade of the watry signe Pisces, at the Suns ioyful progresse into the first degree of Aries. The second quarter of our vsuall yere commonly called the spring cõmeth next, which beginneth when grasse begins to sproute, & trees to bud. But to treate of this present season, forasmuch as I find the planets to be contradictorily disposed, in signs & mansiõs of diuerse & repugnant qualities, I gather that this spring will be very il for schollers, for they shal studie much and gain litle, they shall haue more wit in their heads then money in their purses, dunces shal proue more welthie then diuers Doctors, insomuch that sundrie vnlettered fooles should creep into the ministerie, if the prouident care of good Bishops did not preuent thē. And by the opinion of Proclus, women are like to grow wilful, & so variable, that they shall laugh & weepe, and all with a winde: Butchers shal

sell their meate as deare as they can, and if they be not carefull, horne beastes shall bee hurtfull vnto them, and some shall bee so wedded to swines flesh, that they shal neuer be without a sowe in their house as long as they liue. This spring or vernall resolution being naturally hot and moist, is like to be verie forwarde for sprouting fieldes and blooming trees, and because Saturne is in his proper mansion, olde men are like to bee froward, and craftie knaues shall neede no Brokers, vsurie shalbe called good husbandrie, and men shalbe counted honest by their wealth, not by their vertues. And because Aquarius hath somthing to do wt this quarter, it is to be doubted that diuers springs of water will rise vp in vintners sellers, to the great weakning of their Gascon wine, & the vtter ruine of the ancient order of the redde noses. Warth Beere shalbe more esteemed than small Ale.

Out of the old stock of heresie, this spring it is to be feared, will bloome new scismaticall opinions and strange sects, as Brownists, Barowists, & such balductum deuises to the great hinderance of the vnitie of the Church, & confusion of the true faith, if the learned doctor sir T. Tiburne be not taskte to confute such vpstart companions, with his plain & dunstable philosophie. Cancer is

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dulle in this spring tide, and therefore it is like that flourishing bloomes of yong Gentlemens youth shalbe greatly anoide with caterpillers, who shall intangle them in such statutes & recognances, that they shall crie out against brokers, as Jeremy did against false prophets. Besides, thogh this last winter nipt vp diuers masterles men & cut purses, yet this spring is like to afford one euery tearme this ten yere in Westminster hall: Barbers if they haue no worke are like to grow poore, and for that Mercury is cõbust and many quarelles like to growe amongst men, lawiers shall proue rich & weare side gowns and large consciences, hauing theyr mouths open to call for fees, and theyr purses shut when they shoulde bestowe almes. But take heed O you generation of wicked Ostlers, that steale haie in the night from gentlemens horses, and rub their teth with tallow, that they may eate little when they stand at liuery, this I prognosticate against you, that this spring, which so euer of you dies, shall leaue a knaues carcasse in the graue behind him, and that they which liue shall hop a harlot in his clothes all the yere after. But aboue all let me not hide this secret from my countrymen, that Jupiter being in aspect with Luna, discouereth that diuers men shal drinke more thẽ they bleed,

and

& Tailers shall steale nothing but what is brought vnto them, that pointers shall bee pestered with rotten egs, & Butchers dogs make libels against Lent, that affoordes no foode but herring cobs for their diet.

Diseases incident to this quarter, as by Astrologicall & philosophicall coniectures I can gather, are these following: Prentises that haue ben sore beaten, shall be troubled with ach in their armes, and it shall be ill for such as haue sore eies, to looke against the Sun. The plague shall raigne mortally amongst poore men, that diuerse of them shal not be able to change a man a groate. Olde women that haue taken greate colde, may perhaps be trobled with the cough, and such as haue paine in their teeth, shall bee grieuously troubled with the tooth ach. Beside, sicke folke shall haue worse stomackes then they which be whole, and men that cannot sleepe, shall take verie little rest: with other accidentall infirmities, which I doe ouerpasse.

A declaration of the disposition and inclination of the Winter quarter.

When the Sunne hath made his course through the vernal signs, Aries, Taurus & Gemini,

Gemini at his passage vnto the solsticiall estiuall signe Cancer. The third parte of an English yeere called Summer, taketh his beginning this yere, as Ptolomie sayth, the twelfth of June, but as my skill doth coniecture, it beginneth when the wether waxeth so hot, that beggers scorne barnes and lie in the field for heate, and the wormes of Saint Pancredge Church build their bowers vnder the shadow of Colman hedge. The predominant qualities of this quarter is heate and dryneſſe, whereby I doe gather, that through the influence of Cancer, bottle Ale shall be in great authoritie, and wheat shall doe knightes seruice vnto malte. Tapsters this quarter shall be in greater credite than Coblers, and many shall drinke more then they can yearne. And yet because Mercurie is a signe that is nowe predominant, women shall be more troubled with fleas then men, and such as want meate shall goe supperlesse to bedde. Besides, this quarter greate hurlie burlies are like to bee feared, and greate stratagems like to bee performed, through the opposition of Mars and Saturne: for Butchers are like to make greate hauocke amongest flies, and beggers on Sunne shine dayes to commit great murthers vpon their rebellious vermine, and the knights of Coppersmiths hall

to doo great deedes of armes vpon Cuppes, Cannes, pots, glasses, and blacke iacks: not ceasing the skirmish til they are able to stand on their legges.

Further it is to bee doubted, that because Venus is in the house of Loue, that Millers, Weauers, and Tailors, shall be counted as theeuishe as they are knauishe: and Maides this quarter shall make sillye babbes for their Louers, till some of them Calue with the Cowe for companye. But Iupiter in his exaltation presageth, that diuers young Gentlemen shall creepe further into the Mercers Booke in a Moneth, then they can get out in a yere: and that sundry fellowes in their slikes shall be appointed to keep Duke Humfrye company in Poules, because they know not wher to get their dinner abroad: if there be great plenty of Cherries this Summer, they are like to come to a penny the pound, and Costardmongers this Summer shall be licenst by the wardens of their hall, to weare and carry baskets of Apples on their heads to keepe them from the heat of the Sun. But Libra adust and retrograde, foretelleth that there is like to be a league between diuers bakers & the pillorie, for making their bread so light, and the Sun shall be so hotte, that it shall melte awaye the consciences of diuers couetous men, and

that by the meanes of Venus which is in the house of Scorpion, women shall bee so loue sicke, that Sumners and ciuil lawiers shall haue greate fees thorough the abound-dance of such sinfull clients, and diuerse spi-rites in white sheetes shall stand in Poules and other Churches to make their confessi-ons. But this by the waie learne of me, sho-makers shall proue so proud, that they shall refuse the name of souters, and the Tailer and the louse are like to fall at martiall va-riance, were it not the worshipfull company of the Botchers haue set downe this order, that he that lies in his bed while his clo-thes be mending, neede not haue a man to keepe his wardroppe. But amongst all, the Smithes haue put by a supplication to the Alecunners, that he which goes dronke to bed, and as soone as hee wakes dares not car-ouse a hartie draught the next morning, shall drinke two daies together small Ale for his penance.

This variable season is like to bring va-riable accidents, for diuerse diseases which will much inolest the people, namely the plurisies which shall grieue many, that they shall haue farre more knauerie than they haue honestie, diuerse flixes, and especiallie in poore mens purses, for they shall bee so laxatiue, that money shall runne out faster

then they can get it. The small pockes among children and great amongst men, infirmities in the long, soune shall doe nothing but lie with others, which I let pas.

A declaration of the inclination and disposition of the Autumnall or harueſt quarter.

Harueſt and the laſt quarter of this yeere beginneth, as I coniecture, beginneth when corne is ripe. But for the nature of this autumnall reuolution, because it beginneth in Libra I gather there shall be more holes open this quarter then in all the yeere beside, and ſtrange euents ſhall chance, for knaues ſhall weare ſmockes, and women ſhall haue holes in their heartes, that as faſt as loue creepes in at one, it ſhall runne out at another. Yet Leo being a fiery ſigne, foreſheweth that diuerſe men ſhall haue their teeth longer than their beards, and ſome ſhal be ſo Sun burnt with ſitting in the Alehouſe, that their noſes ſhall bee able to light a candle. Others ſhall for want of money paune their clokes, and march mannerly in their doublet and their hoſe. And ſome ſhall this yere haue barnes and yet want corn to put in them. Rie this yeere ſhall bee common in

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England, and knaues shall be licenst to sel it by the pound, and he that wil not this quarter spend a pennie with his friende, by the counsayle of Albumazar, shall bee thrust quite out of all good companie for his labour.

It may be doubted that some straunge sicknesse and vnknowen diseases will happen, as hollownesse of the heart, that a man shall not knowe a knaue from an honest man, and vncouth consumptions of the lyuer, that diuerse men of good wealth shall by their kinde hearts spend all and die banquerouts, some shal be troubled with diseases in the throate, which cannot bee helpte without Bull the hang man plaie the skilfull Chyrurgion. Amongest the rest, many that haue faire wiues shalbe troubled with greate smelling in the browes, a disease as incurable as the goute. Some shall bee troubled with the stone, and seeke to cunning women to cure them of that disease, an infirmitie easilie amended, and the doctors of Bridewell did not punish such women Phisitions by a Statute. But the greatest disease that is to bee feared, is the Catsaphalusie, that is to saie, good fellowes this yeere for want of money shall oft times be contented to part companie.

And thus (gentle reader) thou hast my prognostication, gathered by arte, and confirmed by experience, and therefore take it in good worth, for Quod gratis grate, and so farewell.

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This life hath John with horses many days
they made him run for his good and always

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